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SUBJECT: KHMER - ARAB RELATIONS

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1. BEIRUT 10787 NOT RECEIVED.

2. THERE IS IN MY JUDGMENT SOME RISK THAT LONG BORET'S COMING
AFTER GOT HAS TOLD US HE IS NOT RPT NOT WELCOME COULD REINFORCE,
RATHER
THAN UNDERMINE, ANY ARGUMENT THE GRUNK DELEGATION IS MAKING.
IN SHORT, VISIT COULD PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. IN VIEW DEPARTMENT'S STRONG INTEREST IN A FAVORABLE OUTCOME
TO KHMER VOTE AT UNGA, I AM MOST RELUCTANT TO RUN RISK OF PRE-
JUDICING EFFECT OF MY OWN INTENDED DEMARCHE TO GOT. LATTER CAN
BE EXPECTED TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO USG DESIRES THAN TO KRG CASE
ITSELF, AND IF EFFECT OF LONG BORET VISIT IS TO IRRITATE GOT
INTO A PUBLIC PRO-GRUNK STANCE, WE MAY BE UNSUCCESSFUL IN HOLDING
GOT TO ITS ABSENCE/ABSTENTION POSTURE AT UNGA.

4. I THINK IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT LONG BORET WILL BE ABLE TO SEE
BOURGUIBA, THOUGH I AM WILLING TO TRY AGAIN FOR APPOINTMENTS.

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THERE IS NO WAY TO GET WORD TO BOURGUIBA HIMSELF WITHOUT GOT

OFFICIALS BEING AWARE OF IT. LONG BORET SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR HERE, AND THAT THE INDONESIAN LIVES IN ALGIERS, NOT TUNIS.

5. RE YOUR PARA 1 (A), IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FROM GOT POINT OF VIEW SIHANOUK'S DELEGATION IS THAT OF A RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT, RATHER THAN ONE WHICH IS "BULLING ITS WAY IN" TO TUNISIA. IF DELEGATION'S COMING IS INDEED A REACTION TO ARRIVAL OF KHMER ISLAMIC DELEGATION, GOT MAY BE INCLINED TO SEE LATTER DELEGATION AS AN EFFORT TO VEIL A POLITICAL MANEUVER IN RELIGIOUS WRAPPINGS.

6. HAVING SAID THIS, I AM PREPARED NEVERTHELESS TO GO ALONG WITH PRIMIN LONG BORET'S VISIT TO TUNISIA IF DEPARTMENT SO ADVISES, BEARING IN MIND RISKS PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, BORET'S ARRIVAL WOULD NOT RPT NOT "EMBARASS" ME. I WOULD EXPLAIN TO GOT THAT BORET HAD DECIDED ON HIS OWN TO COME IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF INFO WHICH FORMIN HAD PASSED TO ME; AND I WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH TOP TUNISIAN OFFICIALS.

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